2026 Reading List

Ralph

1. Hegel's *Philosophy of History*
2. Jean Jacques Rousseau - *First Discourse: On the Sciences and On the Arts* (1750)
3. Ibn Khaldūn Book 1 of his *Book of Lessons: Al-Muqaddima*.
4. Spengler - *The Decline of the West* (1918 – vol.1; 1922 – vol. 2)
5. Matthew Arnold - *Culture and Anarchy* (1869)
6. Aristotle's *Politics*
7. Freud - *Civilisation and its Discontents* (1929)
8. Roger Scruton - *On Human Nature* (2017)

Sam

1. Roger Scruton - *The Classical Vernacular* (1995)
2. John Ruskin - *The Seven Lamps of Architecture* (1849)
3. Building Better Building Beautiful Commission - *Living With Beauty Report* (2020)

Anthony

Background reading, Kedourie's own article 'The Capture of Damascus: 1 October 1918' in his *The Chatham House Version*, Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 2004, pp 33-51, or, more broadly my [A O'H] 'A Conservative Dream?' which is a review of Yoram Hazony's *Conservatism: A Rediscovery* published in 'Hungarian Conservative', Vol 4 No 1, 2024,pp 90-5.

Georgios

1. Coleridge - *On the Constitution of Church and State* (1839)
2. Thomas Mann - *Reflections of a Non-Political Man* (1918)
3. Hannah Arendt - *The Human Condition* (1958)
4. Françoise Guizot - *History of Civilisation in Europe* (1787)
5. Johann Gottlieb Fichte - *Addresses to the German Nation* (1806)
6. Auguste Comte - *Republic of the West Order and Progress* (1848)
7. Samuel Huntington - *The Clash of Civilisations and the Remaking of World Order* (1993)
8. Richard Wright - *Native Son* (1940)
9. Debate - Tom Holland & A. C. Grayland on YouTube
10. Georgios Varouxakis - *The West - The History of an Idea* (2025)

Ewa

1. F. Scott Fitzgerald - *The Great Gatsby* (1925)
2. T. S. Eliot - *The Four Quartets* (1943)
3. Roger Scruton - *Souls in the Twilight* (2018)

Ján

1. Ján Sokol - *Filosofická antropologie* (Philosophic Anthropology – Man as a Person) (2002) and *Ethics, life and institutions* (2016)
2. Homer's *Iliad* 550-660 and *The Odyssey* 541-661

Jonathan

1. Iain McGilchrist – *The Master and His Emissary: The Divided Brain and the Making of the Western World* (2009) and *The Matter with Things* (2021)
2. 'Things about Things' Reviews of McGilchrist's writing by Jonathan. Jonathan's website has many articles on philosophy and music.
3. Tom Stoppard – *Jumpers* (1972)
4. Roger Scruton - *Beauty - a very short introduction* (2011) and *'Effiing the Ineffable' in Confessions of a Heretic* (2016)

Mikołaj

1. Mikołaj Slawkowski-Rode - *The Meaning of Mourning: Perspectives on Death, Loss, and Grief* (2025)